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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, PORG,

SUBJECT: CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF OECD/HLG ON  
NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS

REF: TELCONS BOEKER/CROWLEY AND PREEG/SCHIFFMAN

1. IN RESPONSE TO ECONCOM MINISTER'S QUERY TO HERMES, MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY, WE HAVE BEEN APPRISED THAT THE MFA CLAIMS FOR ITSELF REPRESENTATION IN THE NORTH-SOUTH HLG. THE DESIGNATED GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IS TO BE MFA DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SIGRIST. WITH REFERENCE TO GERMAN CANDIDACY FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NORTH-SOUTH HLG, OFFICE DIRECTOR DITTMANN ADVISED US THAT MFA WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT FORWARD AMBASSADOR ROBERT, BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE THE LEAD IN CAMPAIGNING FOR THE CHAIR. DITTMANN ADDED THAT GERMANS WERE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT A CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CHAIRMAN.
2. SHOULD THE ROBERT "PASSIVE" CANDIDACY NEVERTHELESS LEAD TO HIS BEING CHOSEN, WE BELIEVE HE WOULD MAKE AN  
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EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN. ROBERT WAS THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE

TO THE PARIS PREPCON, WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MFA, AND MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA. HE IS CURRENTLY SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FOR ENERGY AFFAIRS IN THE MFA, WITH THE RANK OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ON A PAR WITH HERMES). HE IS A DYNAMIC, HARD-WORKING DIPLOMAT, CONVERSANT WITH DC-LDC PROBLEMS.

3. WHILE MFA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT SIGRIST WILL REPRESENT FRG ON THE NORTH-SOUTH HLG, REPRESENTATION QUESTION SEEMS STILL TO BE SUBJECT OF SOME INTER-MINISTERIAL HASSLE. ECONMINISTRY DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY MUELLER-THUNS TOLD EMBOFF TODAY (JUNE 6) THAT FRG REPRESENTATION WILL DEPEND ON SUBJECT MATTER DEALT WITH. FOR MEETINGS DEALING PRIMARILY WITH 7TH SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, SIGRIST WILL REPRESENT FRG; HOWEVER, FOR MEETINGS DEALING WITH UNCTAD ISSUES OR OTHER ISSUES THAT RELATE PRIMARILY TO ECONOMIC POLICY, FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY KOINZER, ECON MINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY UNDER MUELLER-THUNS. MUELLER-THUNS HIMSELF WILL BE FRG REP AT HLG ON COMMODITIES. HILLENBRAND

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